# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2259
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SMUGGLING OF GOLD
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of cases of smuggling of gold came to light during each of the last three years as on date;

(b) whether the Government has taken or proposed to be taken any steps to check the smuggling of gold; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The number of cases of smuggling of gold booked during each of the last 3 years as on date are as follows:-

| YEAR | NUMBER OF CASES OF SMUGGLING OF GOLD |
|---|---|
| 2002-2003 | 167 |
| 2003-2004 | 137 |
| 2004-2005 | 82 |
| 2005-2006(UPTO FEB 06) | 52 |

(b) & (c) All Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods, including Gold.